GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:133
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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM SMALLER AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to operate international flights directly from some of the smaller airports in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The time by which these flights are likely to be operated ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.133 reply on 30.11.2006 regarding ' International flights from smaller airports'

(a), (b) and (c) Government has adopted a very liberal approach towards granting traffic rights for international flights to/from the smaller airports in the country.While the operations by airlines against the available traffic rights is guided by commercial judgement, actual operations by Indian and foreign carriers on international routes is already taking place to/from 16 non-metro cities namely Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Calicut, Cochin, Coimbatore, Gaya, Goa, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Nagpur, Pune, Trivandrum, Trichy, Varanasi and Mangalore.